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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Subsequent to the Office Action mailed 14 June 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response.

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Applicants filed the above-identified application with claims 1 - 23, inclusive. All claims are currently pending in the application.

**The Office Action**

An Office Action, mailed 16 June 2006 (the "Action"), imposed a three-way restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 upon the claim set filed in the instant application. The Action alleged that the claims of the instant application are directed to three distinct inventions, corresponding to the following sets of claims: I. claims 1 - 19, directed to a method for reducing the risks associated with the administration of opioid analgesics to patients with respiratory